

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims, including all prior versions, with the listing of claims below.

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A method of generating virus-free plants comprising isolating and culturing a domy tissue formed by culturing the foliage leaf base of a virus infected plant that propagates via scaly bulbs or bulbs.~~ A method of generation virus-free plants from a virus-infected plant, comprising the steps of:

preparing a foliage leaf base of a virus-infected plant;

culturing the foliage leaf base on a solid medium not containing plant hormones to form domy tissues;

isolating the domy tissues from the foliage leaf base; and

culturing the domy tissues on a solid medium containing no plant hormones so that the domy tissues grow into plants.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2 wherein said foliage leaf base is a section from the joint to a part 1-3 mm lower therefrom of a foliage leaf.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2 wherein the plant that propagates with scaly bulbs or bulbs is a plant of the genus *Allium*.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 4 wherein the *Allium* plant is *Allium sativum*.